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information on Yugoslav military units,  
together with miscellaneous observations on internal conditions.

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## A) YUGOSLAV LAND FORCES

## a) HEADQUARTERS

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Garrison HQ ("Komanda Mesta")

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Located in an old Austro-Hungarian Barrack with 3 stories, in the shape of a horseshoe, next door to the Commune ~~name~~ theatre.

" " K.N.O.J HQ

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Located in a 4-story building, 30 x 12 m, built in 1949, on Bik?cka (1 letter blurred) St.

Commander, Lt Col Felice SreckoReic

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## b) TROOPS

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SPINUT

" " Infantry unit, undetermined strength, quartered in barracks by Italy formerly used/as a concentration camp, ~~under Italian~~ near the Church of the Madonna of Spinut. The barracks consist of 6 buildings, surrounded by a wire fence.

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" " Artillery unit, strength and armament unknown, is quartered in barracks near the RR station.

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" " KNOJ unit of about 1,000 men, quartered in 2 barracks in .....

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MAN POLJUD

The first consists of:

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5-6 barracks, about 40-50 m, surrounded by a wire fence

The second of:

10-15 barracks surrounded by a wire fence, built in 1948.

in Dec '50, soldiers of the unit on ~~recruiting~~ <sup>conscription</sup>

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service were transferred to the Bulgarian and Italian borders and replaced by recalled soldiers.

## c) DEFENSE MEASURES

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" " Galleries <sup>now</sup> shelters and reinforced concrete gun emplacements have been excavated in a rocky hill. The work was begun by Italians and Germans and is being resumed by the Yugoslavs.

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4-5 guns were noted in the open air. Type unidentified. [ ]

[ ] The work is continuing and the hill

[ ] is garrisoned by army soldiers. [ ]

Work is in progress on fortifications for the active and passive LISSA

defense of the islands of Lissa and Curzola

CURZOLA

The work is in charge of the Navy Enterprise (Vojno Mornarsko

Poduzece"). [ ] barges 3 or 4 times bringing to the

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islands:

6 guns mounted on carriages with 2 rubber-tired wheels, barrels  
about 3.50 long, without muzzle brakes, cal. about 150 mm, of un-  
identified type.

The pieces were accompanied by army soldiers. Access to the islands

is prohibited to persons not supplied with special permits issued by 50X1-HUM

the Navy ~~Commander~~<sup>HQ</sup> at Spalato.SPALATO  
MOSOR MT

" " Caves are being excavated in the west side of Mosor Mt.

Some of them are large enough to permit entry of motor  
vehicles. [ ]

in the area on whose farms the rocky material and dirt from the  
excavations ~~was~~<sup>were</sup> dumped.

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The job is being done by the army.

Caves are also being excavated in the Gutjica hill.

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GUTJICA

## d) DEPOS

" " Underground ammunition depot

the

A small depot, dug out under a hill in Austro-Hungarian

period. Outside one can see a small building for guards'  
quarters. Various types of cartridges are kept here.

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" " Food Depot

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[ ] this food depot belongs to the KNOJ unit,

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(see "Troops") stationed in the city. It consists of:

- 1 4-story building formerly the house of Dr Tertaglia,  
ex-Governor of Dalmatia.

- 1 masonry building, 40 x 15

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The depot is near the Church of St Francis.

Military Trading Enterprise ("Vojno Trgovacko Poduzece") SPALATO  
household

Military cooperative for food supplies, clothing and ~~barrack~~

Supplies for officers and their families, located in a 5-story  
the Esplanade.  
building with elevators on ~~Marshall Tito~~ ~~Esplanade~~. The building was  
formerly the property of the Savo Company (hardware).

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State Fuel Depot

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S. KAJO

Located opposite the RR station. It consists of 2 outdoor tanks  
supported on ~~a~~ concrete foundations, about 20 m high, diameter about 15 m  
Once the property of the Shell Co. , it is now managed by Yugo-Petrol.

c) Services

Military hospital subordinate to Navy HQ

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Army soldiers are also treated here.

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Located in a former seminary on Srinski Frankopanska St.

f) LOGISTIC MOVEMENTS

RR train loaded with:

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- about 20 motor vehicles, Allied make,
- 7-8 medium tanks, barrels about 2 m long, unidentified type,  
*arrived at Spalato Station on Jan 3-8, 1951*

g) MISCELLANEOUS

Recall to the army

Yugoslav citizens of the 1910-1924 classes are recalled to the army for  
periods of 2 months to serve in labor battalions,

The Ivan Lapcevic Military Construction Enterprise  
(Vojno Gradevinsko Poduzece)

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In charge of housing for officers.

Political commissar, Inf Lt Pietro Feric

B) NAVY

a) HEADQUARTERS

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" " Yugoslav Navy HQ , located in the former Italian Police  
building.

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Commander, Admiral Josip Cernik

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Other officers

Maj. Branko Mudronja, attached to HQ, political commissar at the naval officers' school at Diulje

"Navy guard" Andrea Mian

Lt (j.g.) Ivo Ratkovic, on board ship

Note: Maj Branka, [ ] the

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Navy HQ would very probably be transferred to Pola.

## b) TROOPS

Former Italian "Roma" barracks in 11th Regiment (Puk) St. occupied by the Navy. No details available

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## c) WARSHIPS

On Navy Day a squadron of light warships entered the port, including:

5 torpedo boats (ceded by Italy to Yugoslavia)

3-5 minelayers

4-5 submarine chasers (P1).

[ ] the ships are not based on Spalato.

## d) PORTS

Work is continuing on a slip in the new commercial port being built at Vranjica. The work is being done by the Navy Enterprise

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VRANJICA

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e) ~~SIGNAL~~ SIGNAL COMMUNICATION STATION

A Navy signal station <sup>is located</sup> on Split Point [ ]

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## d) BARRACKS

One building about 100 x 30 m and 3 smaller buildings are being erected about 3 km E of the city in the area between the N side of the road to Strobrec (Spalato [ ] and Gutjica Hill (Spalato -

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[ ] The work is charge of the Municipal Construction Enterprise  
(Gradzoko Gradevinsko Poduzece).

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## C) ECONOMIC INFORMATION

## a) INDUSTRIES

General management of the Adriatic Shipyards

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Located in a large building with 4-5 stories, <sup>about</sup> 60 x 14 <sup>m</sup> on

Maxim Gorki St; built in 1949.

Manager, Antonio Baja Jurievic

Wavy yard located in a small bay E of the tongue of land called SPALATO  
Barutana. It was enlarged and rebuilt after the war, but there  
is a lamentable lack of machinery.

## Management:

- Manager, Commander Nicolò Aracic, [ ]

- Inf Lt Matteo Braica, head of the Finance Section

(Navy)  
- Lt Culicmiro, ~~taxservic~~ on duty at the yards

Work in progress

At present the shipyard is restricted to repairing and equipping ships  
which were sunk and have been salvaged:

- The former passenger steamer King Peter, sunk at Sebenico is now being  
refitted. It has been converted into a motor boat called the Parti-

sanska. The date fixed for finishing the work is 1 May 1951 ;

- The motorboat Partisanska, destroyed in 1948 by fire is being <sup>scrapped;</sup> ~~demolished~~.

its name is being transferred to the ~~same~~ former King Peter.

- A Rumanian steamer, sunk in Sept '43, and ~~afterwards~~ salvaged later.

It is almost completely repaired and refitted. It is now called the  
Singi.

~~Beside the above~~ Partial repairs, cleaning and painting are ~~being~~  
<sup>some</sup>  
under progress on a small craft.

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*factory for manufacturing*  
"Jugovinil", synthetic rubber and synthetic rubber parts for telephones SPALATO  
SUCURAC

On the sea shore between Sucurac and Gomilica (Spalato [redacted])

Building was begun in 1946 and finished in 1950, but some machinery  
is still lacking. [redacted]

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b) ~~SECRET~~ MISCELLANEOUS

Obstacles to private initiative

The Yugoslav government recalls to military service in labor battalions  
all citizens ~~of~~ the 1910-1924 classes. They are employed on military  
and civilian State works at a monthly pay of 90 dinars.

The recalled soldiers come most frequently from among <sup>workers</sup> ~~employees~~ in the  
few private enterprizes still in existence. Thus, beside making a great  
profit, the government eliminates the last remnants of the few private  
enterprizes and artisans' shops.

D) POLITICAL INFORMATION

a) CONCENTRATION CAMPS

A concentration camp for Cominform elements is located in the SPALATO  
courtyard of the former Roma barracks. [redacted]

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